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Applicant: Duncan Roy Coupland et al.
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Title: ALLOY
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Examiner: Deborah Yee

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 and to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application is requested to consider and make of record the references listed on the PTO/SB/08A submitted herewith. A copy of each reference listed on the PTO/SB/08A is enclosed.

Although the information submitted herewith may be "material" to the Examiner's consideration of the subject application, this submission is not intended to constitute an admission that such information is "prior art" as to the claimed invention.

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The Examiner rejected the claims of this application based on the English abstracts of Japanese Patent Nos. 6-112261 and 10-259435. Accordingly, applicants obtained machine translations of these Japanese patents in order to respond to the Examiner's rejections. The machine translations for these patents were obtained by the applicants less than three months ago.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosures: PTO/SB/08A
Copy of two (2) references

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